Met Office

Holiday weather

24 December 2010 - The cold weather is expected to continue throughout the Christmas period with the risk of ice across the UK. Atlantic weather systems are forecast to bring a mixture of rain, sleet and snow from the west at the start of next week.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Eddy Carroll said: "Although much of Christmas is likely to be cold, dry and bright, some parts of northern Britain can expect to see some snow on the big day. From Boxing Day onwards temperatures begin to climb slowly, bringing the risk of further sleet and snow before rain sets in."

The gradual rise in temperatures next week will lead to a slow thaw of lying snow, but the risk of flooding remains low says the Environment Agency.

The public are advised to stay up to date with the latest weather forecasts and warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_foreca on the web and television and should be prepared to change their weekend plans based on the weather forecast.

How to interpret Met Office Severe Weather Warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/guide/col

For latest information on flood warnings:

Environment Agency Floodline (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31618.aspx)

SEPA Floodline (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://floodline.sepa.org.uk/floodupdates/)

For travel advice you can visit:

Highways Agency (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.highways.gov.uk)

Traffic Scotland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://trafficscotland.org/)

Traffic Wales (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.traffic-wales.com/)

Trafficwatch Northern Ireland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035435mp_/http://www.trafficwatchni.com/site/default.asp)

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